B. RICE

1	2	3	4	5
1990-91	1. Public Authority for Stores & Food Reserve, OMAN.	10-4-90	4850 4900	Basmati rice. FOB Indian port.
	2. LPN Malaysia	26-9-90	200±5%	Special Gr. Basmati Rice — FOB Bombay.
	3. Ali Pakbin, Hamburg	6.7-90	21	Basmati rice C& P Hamburg
	4. Decolab Farmers	24-7-90	20	Basmati rice CIF Savannoh.
1991-92				
	1. GTC, Tehran Iran.	23-7-91	20000±5%	Indian Superfine Long Grain Rice (non-Basmati) FOB Indian Port.
1992-93		—NIL—		

N.B. : Above contracts are exclusive of counter-trade bookings.

Rubber Production in Orissa

1481. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of progress made in the matter of Rubber production in the non-traditional areas like Orissa; and

(b) what are the details of assistance rendered or proposed to be rendered and the areas under Rubber cultivation in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) The The rubber plantation development in the State of Orissa was started only in 1986. So far an area of 270 hectares has been brought under rubber cultivation in Orissa which has not yet come into yielding stage.

(b) The details of assistance rendered/ proposed to be rendered for cultivation of rubber in Orissa include :—

(i) Making available services of suitable Technical Officers who undertake promotional work at the grass root level with a view to helping prospective rubber growers in identifying suitable areas, advising them on different aspects of rubber cultivation and motivating by explaining advantages of various schemes being implemented by the Board and the assistance offered thereunder.

(ii) Under the Rubber Plantation Development Scheme, the following facilities are provided :

(a) Planting grant @ Rs. 5,000 per hectare for all growers in non-traditional area.

(b) Provision of poly bags and high yielding bud grafts on remittance of a levy of Rs. 1.50 per set to raise poly bagged plants for planting in the fields.

(c) Maintenance grant @ Rs. 2 to general category and @ Rs. 4 to SC/ST category growers for the proper maintenance of the poly bag nursery set-up.

(d) 50 per cent subsidy on the cost of fertilizer applied to plants in the field during the first three years to SC/ST growers.

(e) Financial assistance at rates varying between Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500 per hectare to general category small growers and from Rs. 2200 to Rs. 4000 per hectare to SC/ST growers whose total area does not exceed 5.00 hectares.

(f) Financial assistance is also given for setting up irrigation facilitits in rubber estates.

(g) Plantation requisites are also supplied to growers in non-traditional areas at concessional prices.

वानस्पतिक-ऊपादों का आयात

1482 **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री मूलचन्द मीणा :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार ने वास्पतिक-उत्पादों के आयात संबंधी नियमों में छूट दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) जून, 1991 से अब तक वानस्पतिक-उत्पादों के आयात से संबंधित कितने मामलों को स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री कमलुद्दीन अहमद : (क) और (ख) आयात निर्यात नीति, 1992—97 (संशोधित संस्करण मार्च, 1993) के अंतर्गत गेहूं, धान, मोटे अनाज, दालों, तिल और बोने के लिए चारे की बीज का बिना लाइसेंस के आयात करने की अनुमति है बशर्ते कि बीज विकास पर नई नीति, 1988 की शर्तों को पूरा किया जाए और पौध, फल और बीज (भारत में आयात विनियमन) आदेश, 1989 के परमिट के अनुरूप हो। इसी प्रकार पौध, फल और बीज (भारत में आयात विनियमन) आदेश, 1989 के अंतर्गत सब्जियों के बीजों, फलों, फलो और पौधों फूल के कंदों और सकंदों, कटिंग, सैपलिंग तथा बोने और रोपण लिए फूलों और फलों में बुडवुड आदि बिना लाइसेंस के आयात करने की अनुमति है।

(ग) "वनस्पति संबंधी उत्पादों" के आयात के आँकड़े अलग से नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

Proposal for an EPZ at Kanyakumari

1483. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start an Export Processing Zone at Kanyakumari;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMERS AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Taking into account the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Export Processing Zones, it would not be possible at present for the Government to consider developing new Zones in the country.

Extension of Advance Licences of Exporters

1484. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Governmtnt have decided to grant extension of time for the advance licences of exporters who have fulfilled their export obligations before March 31 this year but could not realise the duty free imports; and